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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6845

BILL NUMBER: HB 1112

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 1, 2010

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Municipal Elections in a Consolidated City.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Barnes

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that the terms of office of the individuals elected as mayor and members of the city-county council of a consolidated city at the 2011 municipal election expire January 1, 2015. The bill provides for the election of the mayor and the members of the city-county council of a consolidated city to be at the general election in 2014 and every four years thereafter. The bill requires a public question to be placed on the ballot in each included town located in a county having a consolidated city asking the voters of the town whether the town should be dissolved. The bill provides for dissolution of an included town if the voters of the town vote in favor of the dissolution.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary-* There would be a cost savings with fewer precincts in operation on election day 2015. As a result, fewer ballots would be printed than if the office of the Mayor of Indianapolis and members of the city-county council were elected in 2015. In addition, fewer poll workers would be required, thus saving per diem and meal costs. Ballots in the unincorporated cities of Lawrence, Speedway, Beech Grove, and Southport would be shorter without city-county council candidates.

Public Question- The addition of a public question to the Marion County 2015 ballot would have a negligible impact to local expenditures.

Background Information- Marion County precinct election board personnel are paid \$70 per day if a judge or clerk and \$110 per day if an inspector.

Last Municipal Election Budget- The Marion County Election Board and the Marion County Board of Registration had a combined CY 2007 budget of approximately \$3.3 M. Marion County elections are primarily funded from the county general fund.

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Dissolution of Incorporated Towns-* Incorporated towns that approve the above public question would relinquish their territory, books and records, property, debts and liabilities, and would be assumed by the Marion County executive. Any funds remaining at the end of settling town debts would be placed in the county general fund.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Marion County, incorporated towns in Marion County.

Information Sources: Marion County Government website: www.indygov.org.

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